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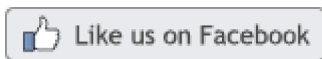
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December Services

Dec 3rd, First Sunday of Advent: Receiving Hope
Dec 10th, Second Sunday of Advent: Receiving Peace

Dec 17th, Third Sunday of Advent: Receiving Joy
Dec 24th, Christmas Eve Services, 3pm (family)
5pm (candlelight) Fourth Sunday of Advent
Receiving Love

A Message from the Minister

Waiting is not something most of us do easily. Yet, Advent, these weeks before Christmas, is the season of waiting. Children who wait for Santa know how hard that can be, and adults tend to skip over the waiting entirely, and instead, rush around until Christmas Eve-even Christmas Day. We miss something when we do that. We miss peace and comfort, we miss longing and hope, we miss emptiness waiting to be filled, we miss pregnant anticipation. This Christmas Season, may our focus be on waiting because waiting is where the magic is-and isn't that where we want to be!



With love and anticipation,
Rev. Lisa

A Message from the Music Director

Hours: Mon. 8-9:30am
10:30am-noon
Tuesday: 8am-noon
Closed Wednesday
Thursday 8-noon and 1pm-4pm
Friday 8am-noon and 1pm-3pm

Minister:
Rev. Lisa Mobayed
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Office Drop in Hours: 4:00 to
6:00pm on Tuesdays and
Thursdays.

In an emergency, a call to the
parsonage phone will be
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Church Directory

2017-18 Staff and Committee
chairs

We are busy rehearsing for our
Holidays Concert on December
10. This festive, participatory
event will ring in the season
with carols, songs, and
instrumental music presented by
the adult choir, soloists,
handbell ringers, the Second Wind Barbershop
Quartet, and the FRS Jazz Group. The concert is
suitable for people of all ages and is interactive
with audience participation encouraged. The choir
will perform John Rutter's lively "Star Carol,"
Patrick M. Liebergen's gentle "Pacem," and Jay
Althouse's joyous "May the Season Never End."
The handbell ringers and barbershop quartet will
present arrangements of holiday favorites, and the
jazz ensemble will offer their renditions of familiar
holiday jazz standards. The program will also
include vocal and instrumental solos by FRS
members and guests, along with carols and songs
celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas, and the Winter
Solstice sung by all. Admission is free and a
reception follows the concert. Hope to see you
there!



A Message from the Director of Religious Education

Dear Parents,

Last Sunday the children and I got
together to play UU Games. One
parent asked, what did that mean? I
loved the question. UU Games is
really a chance for us all to play and
laugh together. Of course, we light
our chalice, we share Joys and Sorrows, but mostly
we make time to laugh together, to be silly, to play.
A church school that can share the joy of laughter
will also be ready to hold the sorrow of tears. Our
children are old souls. They are a web of care-giving
and they show up for each other - open to all that
makes life precious.



Love,
Pam



What's Happening in RE?

Want to hear the service but your child is restless yet not ready for the Littles?

We have set up a sound system in the RE office. Feel free to come down and listen if your child needs some freedom to play and just be a child.

Meditative Play Group - Thursdays, 3:15-4pm Nov. 30th through December.

Come hang out, have a snack and do some form of meditative play with others. All ages welcome, including parents. This group is guided by the kids - their needs and questions. No set agenda.

Save these Dates:

December 2nd - The FRS Greens Sale

December 10th & 17th - Holiday Elf Workshop -
Special RE Sunday from 10am-Noon (Staying late is optional)

Don't miss this annual event where children make home-made and heart-felt gifts for friends and family.

December 10th - FRS Christmas Concert with our Children's Choir at 7pm

December 17th - Angel Sunday - The Children's Choir will Sing

December 24th - Christmas Eve Tableau - 3pm
Come and be part of the Christmas Story.

Programs begin after the Children's Story

This Sunday in RE 12/3-

Littles (1yr-4yrs) with Bella Eckler

K-Ones(K-1st Grades)- with Carly Neale Paris, Brianna Neptune and adult, Rebecca Bromark - Building and Singing

Middles (2nd-5th Grades)- Holly West, Rachel Bryan and adults Judy Bose and Pam Howell - This Little Light of Mine

JYG - (6,7,8th Grades)- teen leaders: Jasmine Neale Paris and Katie Baum, with adult Emily Stewart: Creating the Gingerbread Village for the Elf Workshop

NYG - (7th-12th Grades) - with 6th Graders!
6-8:30pm Setup Elf Workshop, 8:30-9 - Games and Dark Silence.

Next Sunday in RE 12/10-

Littles (1yr-4yrs) with Bella Eckler

K-5th Grades - Elf Workshop 10am-12pm
Children will be making gifts with the Elf Helpers (JYG and NYG teens)

NYG - (7th-12th Grades) - with 6th Graders!
7-8:30 Elf Crafting - A chance for teens to make gifts in the Elf Workshop
8:30-9pm - Games and Dark Silence.

Following Sunday in RE 12/17-

Little Angel Sunday - Children (K-5th) arrive at 9:40 to don their robes and shine their little lights.

Littles (1yr-4yrs) with Bella Eckler

K-5th Grades - Elf Workshop 10am-12pm

Children will be making gifts with the Elf Helpers (JYG and NYG teens)

NYG - (7th-12th Grades) - with 6th Graders!
7-8:30 Elf Cleanup and Party -
8:30-9pm - Games and Dark Silence.

News and Programs

Announcements

Pastoral Concerns Ride Board: If you have trouble driving -- at all or at night -- and would like a ride to and from the FRS holiday concert

(Sunday evening, Dec. 10), please email nancyswest@gmail.com or call the church office at 978-369-5180.

If you would be willing to give someone else a ride to/from the holiday concert, please email nancyswest@gmail.com or call the church office at 978-369-5180.

A note from the Parish Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee: The Parish Committee along with the Buildings and Grounds Committee would like to thank all of those who donated to the sanctuary window replacement project. The contractor installing the new windows has offered to restore the remaining four windows in the sanctuary at the same discounted price (\$2,000/window). So, once again we would like to ask for donations toward this worthy project. If you missed your chance to help out last time, now is the time. Please make your check out to FRS and put "window improvement fund" in the memo line. Send it to FRS, Box 817, Carlisle, MA 01741. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Holiday Concert, Sunday, December 10 at 7pm.

Christmas Eve Services, 3pm and 5pm - NO 10am Service.

December 31, PJs and Pancakes brunch, 10am
Union Hall

Community Events

"Daring Democracy" **Thursday, December 7, 7:30 p.m. First Parish Concord.** Legendary author Frances Moore Lappé and organizer Adam Eichen will share highlights of their empowering new UU Common Read, *Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning, and Connection for the America We Want*. They will be sharing highlights of the book and discussing ways that we can engage in a movement to save our democracy.

Their presentation will be followed by a question and answer session and a book signing reception in the Parish Hall. The event is sponsored by the First Parish group Reclaim Our Democracy. They wrote: "To help build the very broad Democracy movement, we need to engage with other groups and other congregations and find ways to collaborate. To us it's a moral imperative to work on this issue, and we hope members of your congregation will work with us."

FILM AND PANEL DISCUSSION: *Project Drawdown, a Comprehensive Plan to Reverse Global Warming*, **Monday, December 11, 7-8:30**

PM Bedford Public Library

"It will give you the best kind of hope, the kind that balances realism with radical vision." Tom Athanasiou, *The Nation*

There is no silver bullet for climate change because slowing planetary warming will require a variety of strategies. *Drawdown*, a new book edited by the green entrepreneur, Paul Hawken, analyzes 100 solutions, ranks them by the amount of greenhouse gases they could cut, and reaches some surprising conclusions.

The plan was devised by a diverse group of international researchers who examined and modeled substantive, existing solutions to address climate change. What was uncovered was a path forward using the means we already have on hand. Join us for a brief film about the Drawdown plan.

It will be followed by a panel discussion with: Keith Bergman, Littleton's Town Administrator and President of MAPC (Metropolitan Area Planning Council); Dan Bostwick, Member, Bedford Net Zero Study Group; and Kate Crosby, Energy Manager, Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools. Sponsored by Bedford Energy Task Force, Transition Town Bedford

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